

medical corps of the Army, Navy or Marines or in the United States Public Health Service.

(b) While fulfilling his full-time period of training and active service, whether as a draftee or volunteer, under the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 and any amendments or additions thereto or acts supplementary thereof.

Clearly, one serving with the forces of a foreign power does not come within subdivision (a) above.

With respect to subdivision (b) *supra*, examination of the Selective Training and Service Act of 1940 (54 Stats. Chap. 720, p. 885), discloses no reference to persons serving in the forces of a foreign power. Consequently, such a person would not be exempt under said subdivision.

It seems clear, therefore, that the legislature intended to exempt from the payment of the annual tax and registration fee only such licensees of your Board as are engaged in the services of this country enumerated as above.

The intent of the statute being clear, it is not for administrative bodies or for the courts to add thereto.

Estate of McDonald, 118 Cal. 277, at 280;

Frinier vs. G. J. Kubach Co., 177 Cal. 722, at 727.

It is, therefore, my opinion that a licensee of your Board serving with a foreign power is not exempt from the payment of the annual tax and registration fee required by Business and Professions Code, Section 2450.

Very truly yours,

EARL WARREN, *Attorney-General*.

(Signed) Thomas Coakley, *Deputy*.

Letter Concerning the Late Howard Morrow, M. D.

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November 4, 1941.

To the Editor:—It is now ten days since I learned of the death of Howard Morrow, but the sense of loss remains, and ever will remain, as poignant as on the day when, going aboard the Chief at Chicago, I was handed a telegram telling me of the shocking news. Although some of us knew that he had an unreliable heart, his passing, nevertheless, seems incredible, for how could one so vital, go so suddenly out of life?

Sadness must be expressed at his death, but greater sorrow is there that one preëminently a leader should be lost to his generation. Many saw in him those qualities which create a memorial for their possessor more lasting than any made by the hand of man. His ideals were high, his achievements were great.

All who came within the influence of his happy nature and personality, of his fine discrimination between right and wrong, of his enthusiasm for perfect fitness, of that especial regard he always paid to those whom he deemed less fortunate than himself, and of that insistent recognition he paid to good qualities in any men—knew the great, golden worth of Howard Morrow.

In duty he was inflexible, in pleasure he was warm, and the widespread company of those who mourn him, testify to the sunshine of a noble personality. He always had a very clear understanding of the tasks which duty demands and a resolute determination to carry out that duty wherever, whenever, and however it called upon him. Just as he had a love for right and justice, so, too, had he an abhorrence for wrongdoing and unfairness.

His high sense of loyalty throughout his career brought him many friends from all ranks. As a doctor he was venerated throughout the medical profession, as a teacher he was stimulating and sympathetic.

Around the doctors who guided the destiny of the Medical School of the University of California in its early beginnings, there glows a grandeur, and it is right to see

in its light the personalities of those who contributed so much to kindle what has become an enduring flame.

Bright names rise in glad remembrance, names which it would be fine to hear, and good to mention—McLean, Kerr, Swan, Taylor, Montgomery, Von Hoffman, Lewitt, Williamson. To Howard Morrow was given the rare opportunity of personal communion with these men. We have always honored their memory not only for their great accomplishments, but also for having inspired and encouraged a group of younger men to carry on their work in the best medical tradition. Thus a new, vital and dynamic force was created. Conspicuous in this leadership were many of my fellow students, amongst whom was Doctor Morrow.

I saw them build to the eminence of success step by step. Theirs was a faultless record of accomplishment, and latterly the University of California Medical School became the beneficiary of their intellectual possessions. The Medical School was quick to see in Howard Morrow not only the doctor and teacher, but the man of good will—kindly, democratic, able, and with the gift of charm and intimacy to suffuse his classroom.

Of all the splendid service rendered to the Medical School of the University of California, none was more effective and none rings more sturdily down the years than the devotion and ability of Doctor Morrow. His direct contribution to medical knowledge was indeed important, but equally valuable was his indirect contribution through the students he inspired and encouraged, and the standards of ethical practice which he set down for them.

He was especially happy when he could give tirelessly of his knowledge to any newcomer seeking a medical education. To have been in a position to help others sustained him immeasurably during his last years. Courage, fairness, love of sports, kindness, loyalty—these words come to mind when thinking of him. We, who have been so frequently his messmates, will miss him oh, so very, very much. No greater tribute can we give him than to say how hollowly we feel an absence where once so lately dwelt such a massive and compelling presence.

I am pleased to learn that Howard's son, Grant, is an up and coming young doctor. His is a fine heritage. His dear father's tradition will be safe in his keeping.

Yours sincerely,

A. H. GIANNINI.

Concerning an Insurance Fakir: Warning.

November 24, 1941.

To the Editor:—On November 1, last, a man representing himself as Mr. Verlie H. Tompkins of the Union Life Insurance Company of Little Rock, Arkansas, appeared at my office with the following story:

That his insurance company, formerly confining its activities to Arkansas, was opening a western division. That I had been recommended as medical examiner for Redlands. And that it was customary to write some life insurance for the medical examiner.

I gave Mr. Tompkins my check for \$84.02 The Union Life Insurance Company now writes me that Mr. Tompkins is not an agent of their company, and that they do not do business in California.

Mr. Tompkins is of medium dark complexion, about 6 feet 3 inches tall and very slim, about 140 pounds. He was wearing a brown suit, and spoke with an Arkansas accent. He was provided with credentials and supplies of stationery of the Union Life Insurance Company, including application and examination forms.

I am writing to you in the hope of saving other California physicians from a similar experience, and in the further hope of apprehending this man. I shall have a warrant issued for his arrest.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) —————, M. D.